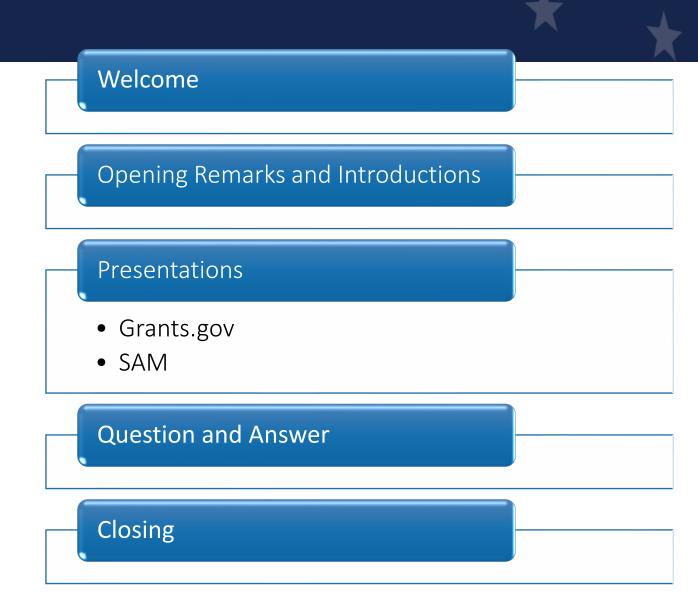


Rural Workforce Innovation Network (RWIN)
Grant Workshop – Part 1





Agenda





USDA Rural Development Innovation Center

Chief Innovation Officer Jacqueline Ponti-Lazaruk

Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization



- The Interagency Working Group (IWG) was established by <u>Executive Order 14008</u>, Sec. 218, on Jan. 27
- The IWG released an <u>Initial</u>
 Report with recommendations to
 catalyze robust economic
 activity and support workers in
 America's energy sector



Initial Report to the President on Empowering Workers Through Revitalizing Energy Communities, Released April 23, 2021

Today's Presenters

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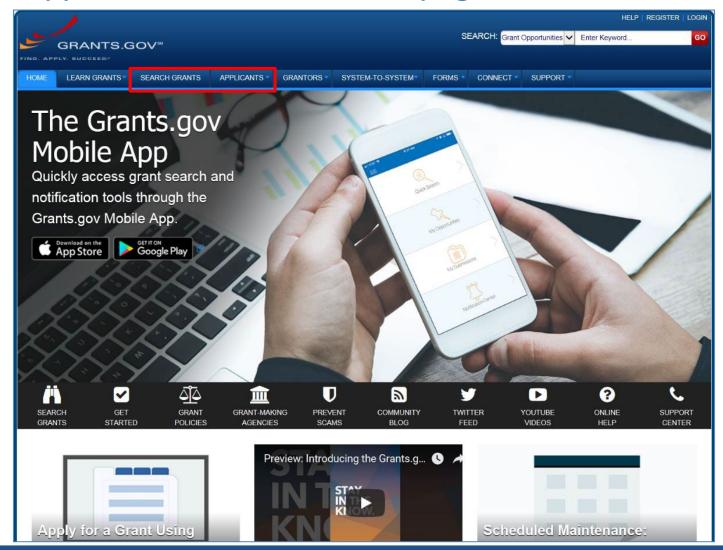


Training Topics

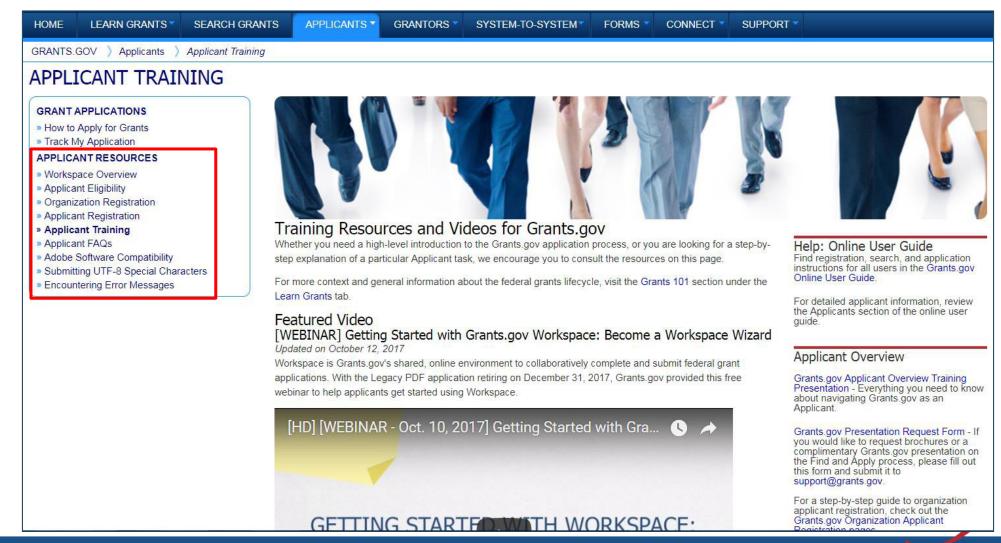
- Navigating Grants.gov
- Registration
- Search Grants
- What's In a Funding Opportunity?
- Applying with Workspace
- Track Application Submission
- Tips and Support Resources



Search Grants and Applicant Tabs on the Homepage



Applicant Resources: Videos, User Guide, Training Content, FAQs and More



Highlights from the Learn Grants tab



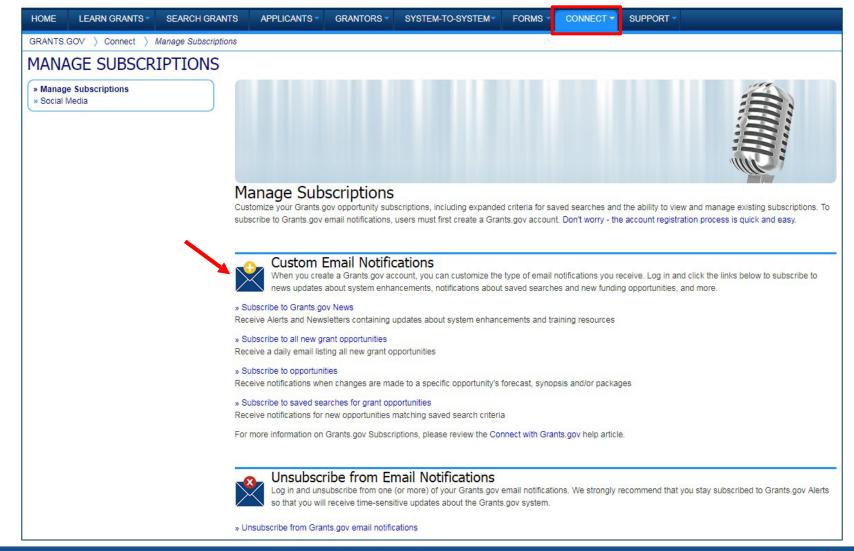
Grants 101: An introduction to the key phases of the federal grant lifecycle

Grant Policies: Summaries and tables explaining how federal grant policies are formed

Grant Terminology: Essential terms and definitions from the Common Data Element Repository Library (CDER Library)

Grant Events: Upcoming grant trainings, conferences, and webinars

Subscriptions and Email Notifications



Registration

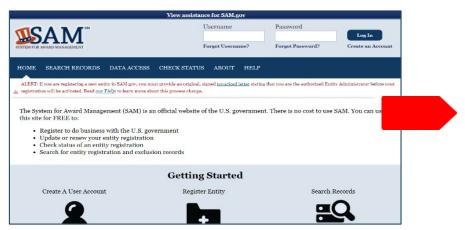
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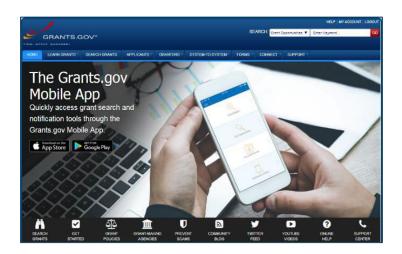
System for Award Management (SAM)

- Register with SAM at <u>www.SAM.gov</u> to receive Universal Entity Identifier (**UEI**) (formerly know as DUNS)
- Establish E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC): Individual who oversees all activities for organization within Grants.gov and approves the applicant AOR
- ~7-10 business days after completely registering, including submitting notarized letter to SAM

Registration: Before Grants.gov

SAM and Grants.gov

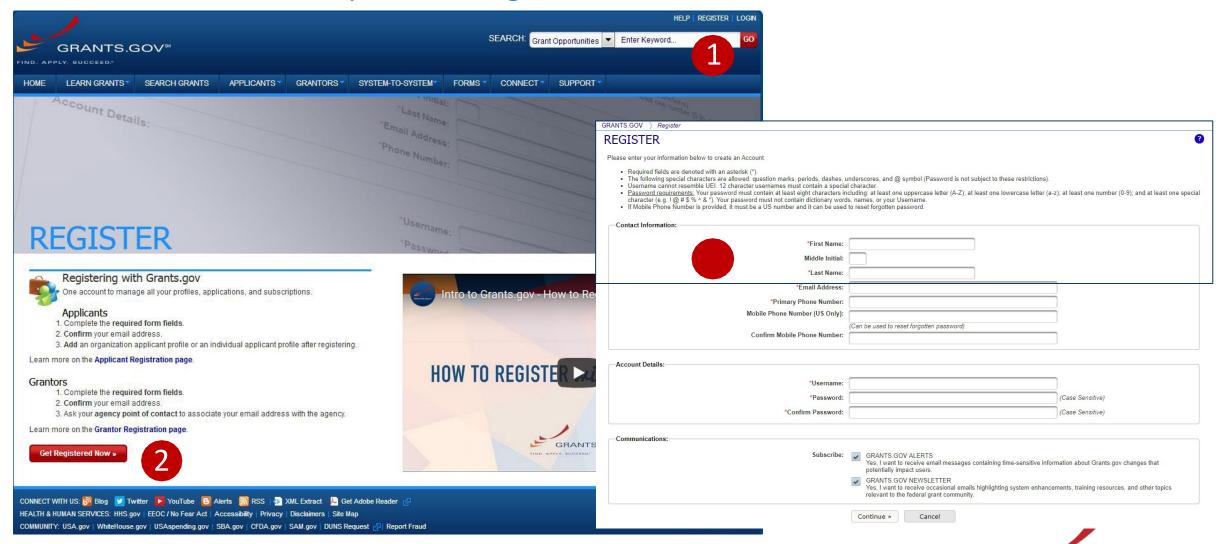




- Organization account data: UEI and EBiz POC information are transferred electronically from SAM to Grants.gov
- Applicants within the organization can add a new profile to their account to associate with the organization
- For the latest SAM.gov updates, go here: https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-serv ice/office-of-systems-management/integrated-award-environment-iae/sam-update
- NOTE: SAM registration must be renewed annually by Ebiz POC

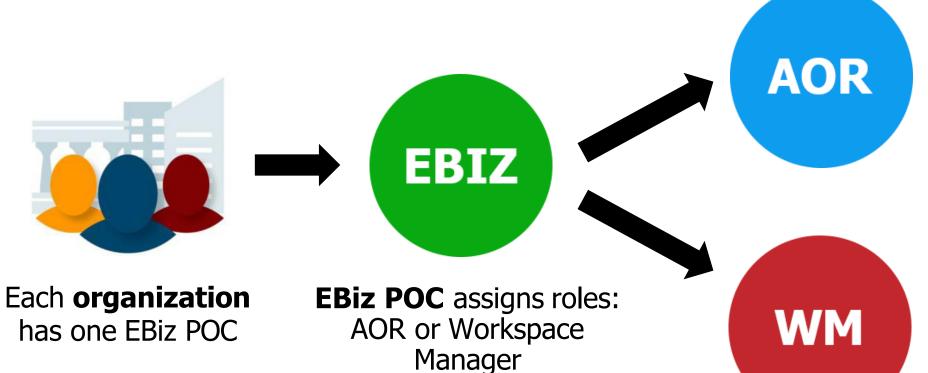
Registration: Grants.gov Account

Accounts enable subscription management



Registration: Grants.gov Roles

EBiz Point of Contact, AOR role, Workspace Manager role



Users with **Standard AOR role** can submit applications

One organization can have many users with AOR role

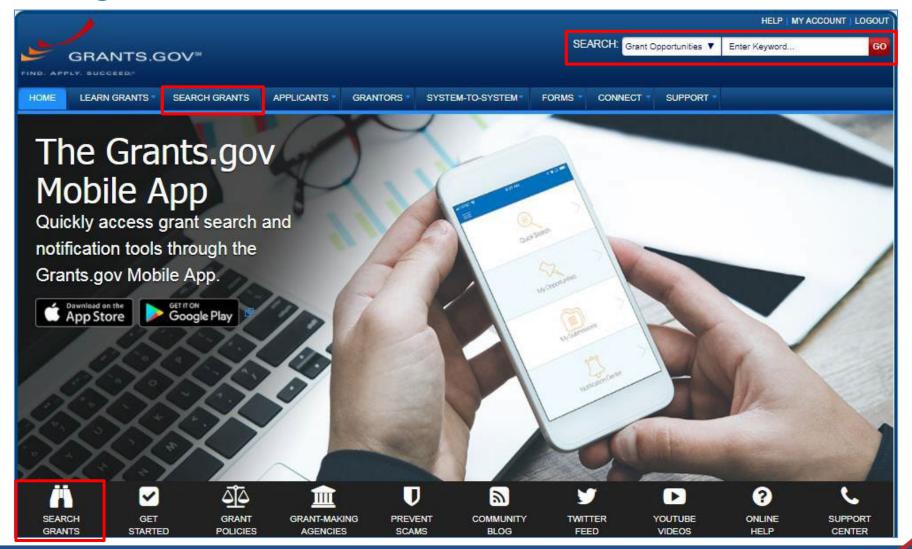
Users with **Workspace** Manager role can create workspaces

EBiz POCs assigned

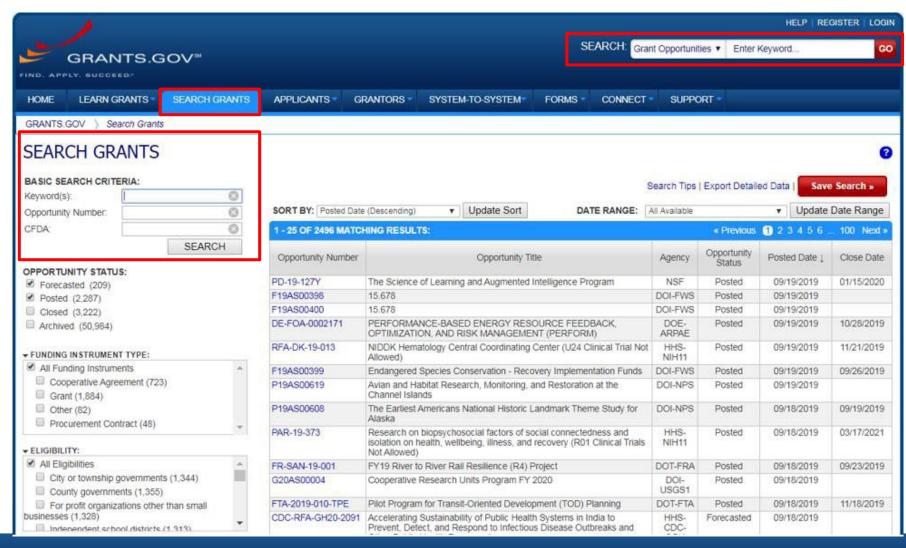
in SAM.gov

Search Grants

Using the Grants.gov Search Fields



Find - Basic Search

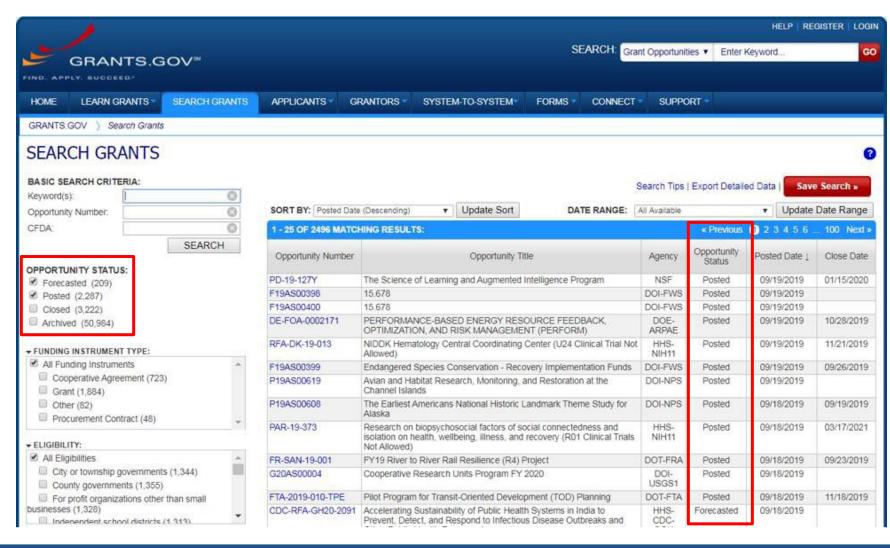


Search for grants and forecasts by entering a keyword.

In Search Grants tab, search by:

- Keyword
- Opportunity Number
- CFDA Number or Title

Opportunity Status



Select the Opportunity Status to find what you are looking for:

Forecasted - Potential grants in the near future

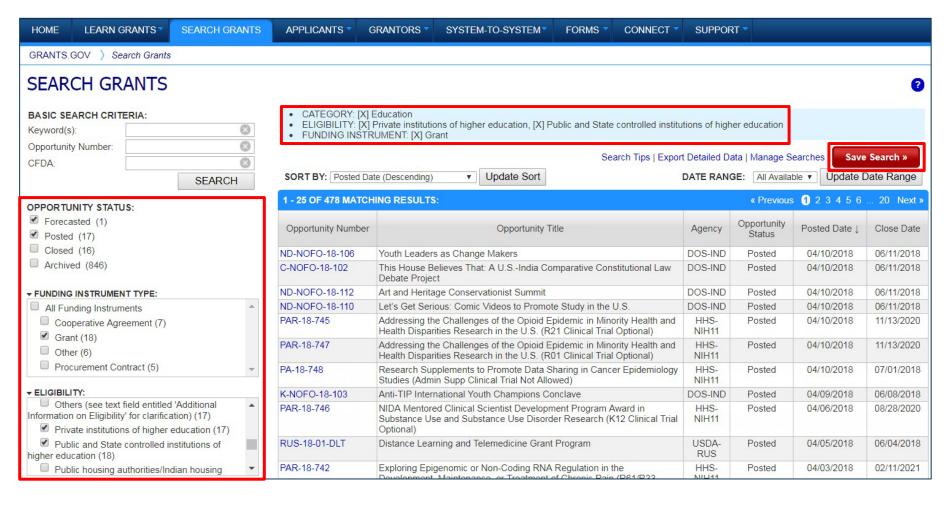
Posted - Currently open grants

Closed - Recently ended grants

Archived - Past grants available for reference



Sign In and Save Your Search



Refine your search by selecting criteria options:

- Category
- Eligibility
- Funding Agency
- Opportunity Status
- Date ranges

Click Save Search button to store this set of search criteria to receive emails

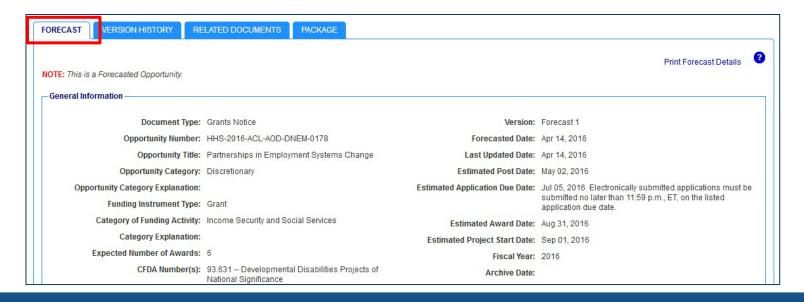
Click Manage Searches link to review your saved searches

Forecast



A Forecast is a projection of an estimated funding opportunity. Contains information, such as:

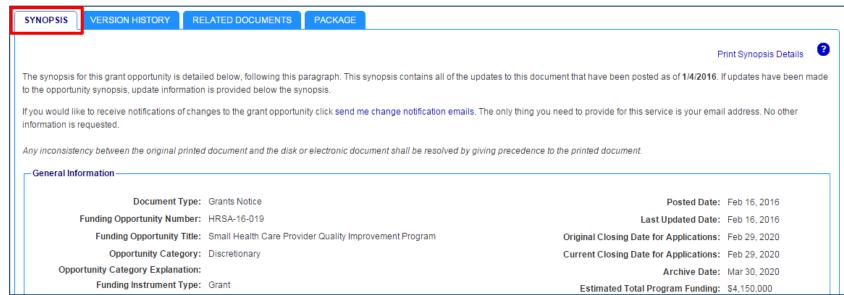
- Estimated Post and Due Dates
- Estimated Program Funding Amount
- Estimated Award Date



Synopsis



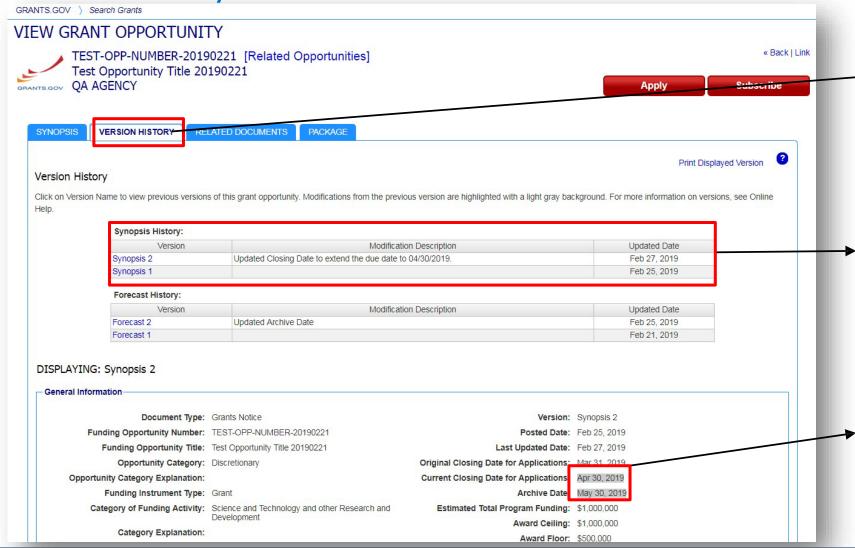
The Synopsis contains basic information about the fundin as:



- Funding Opportunity
 Number
- Open/Close date
- Program Funding Amount
- Number of Awards



Version History

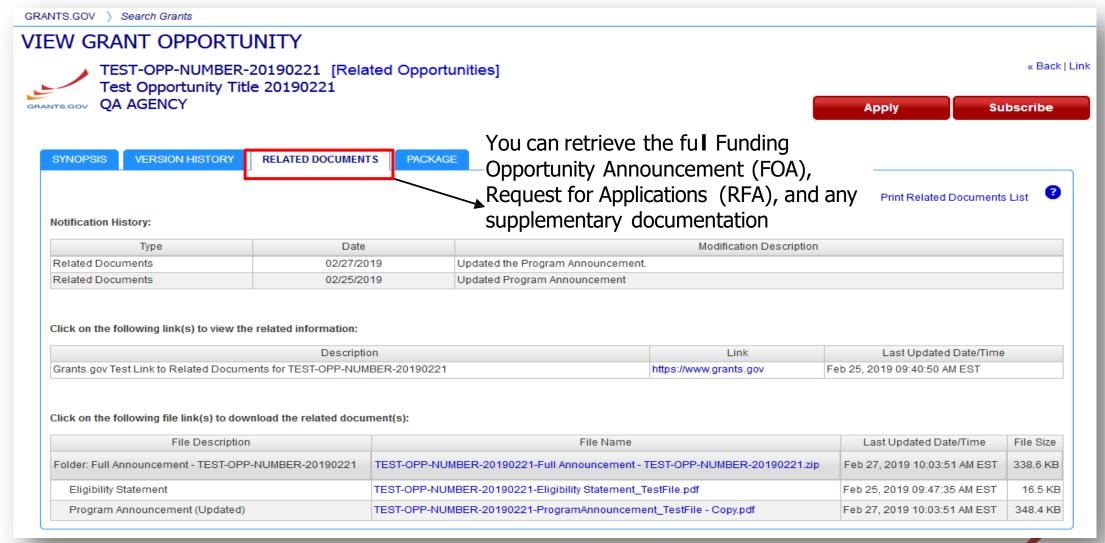


The Version History
displays a table with
synopsis modifications

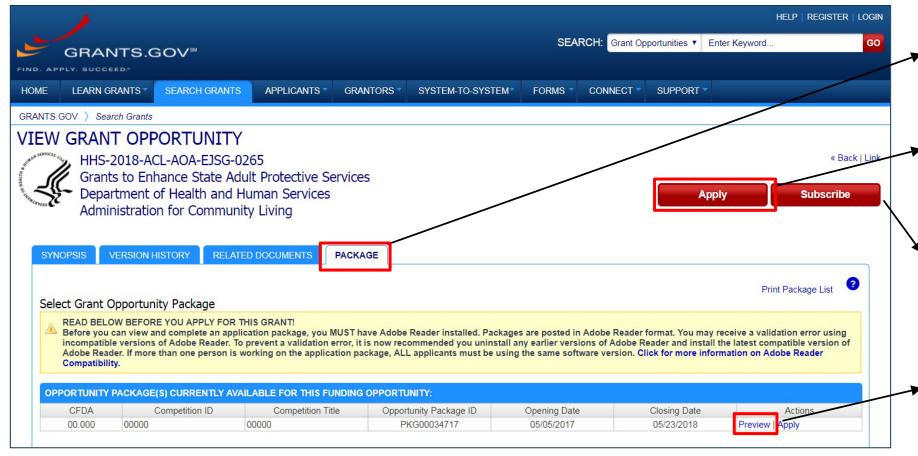
To display an earlier version, the user clicks on the desired Version Name

The fields modified are highlighted in gray

Full Announcement – Under Related Documents Tab



What's in a Funding Opportunity? Workspace Application and Instructions



*Any Closed packages associated with the FOA will be listed near the bottom of the Package tab, within a separate grid. No "Apply" action will be available.

Click the Package tab to preview the application package forms

Log in to create a workspace to apply

Sign up for emails of changes made to this funding opportunity

→ Click Preview link to access read-only forms and application instructions



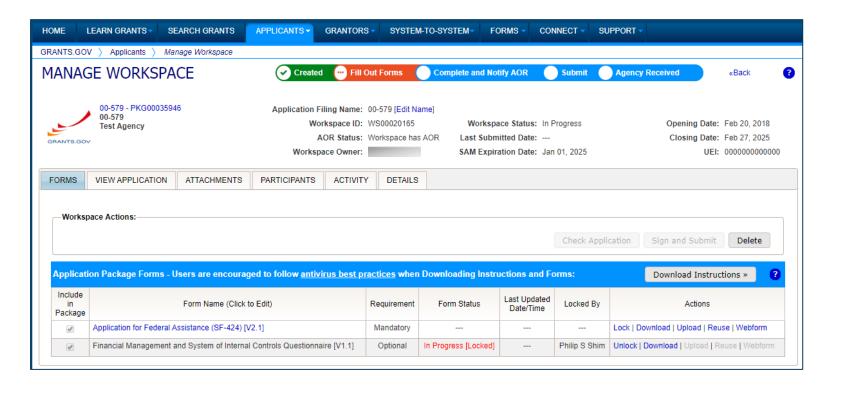
Applying with Workspace

Workspace Topics

- What is Workspace?
- Add collaborators in Participants tab
- Complete the application in the Forms tab
- Submit when you are done

What Is Grants.gov Workspace?

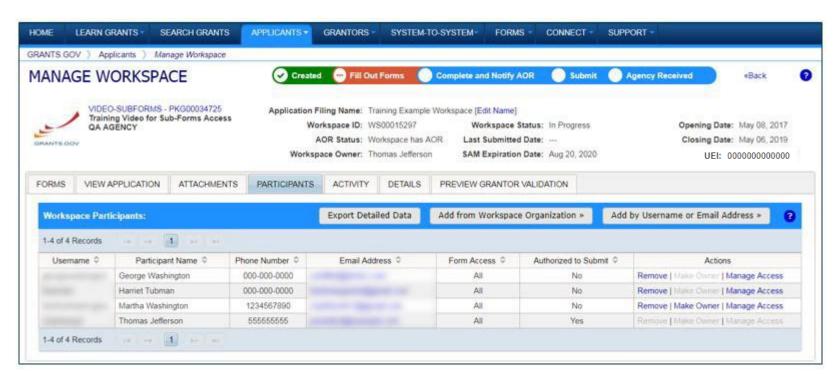
The online space on where you work on your grant application



Workspace is a shared, online environment where members of a grant team may simultaneously access and fill out forms within an application.

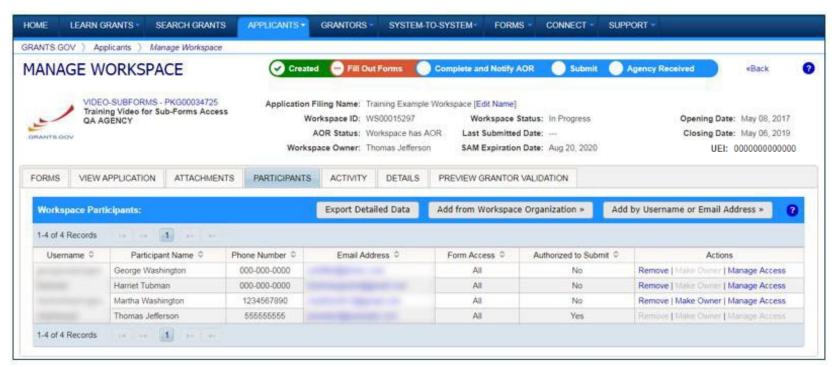


Workspace: Participants



The Participants tab lists the members, or "Participants," of a workspace who work as a team to complete the required forms for a federal grant.

Workspace: Participants











Account Types:

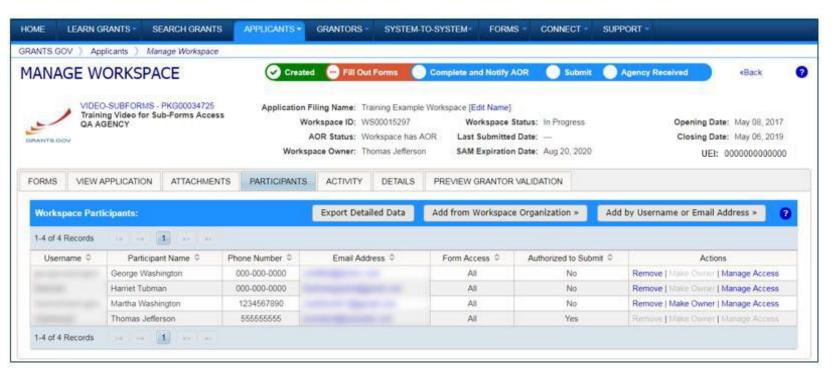
- E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) Assigns roles to Organization members
- Applicant (AOR) Submits applications

Access Levels:

- Workspace Manager (WM)
 Creates Workspace and Adds
 Participants to Workspace
- Workspace Participant has no specific roles



Workspace: WM Adds Participants



Adding Participants:

Click the Add from Workspace
Organization button to search for a user within your organization

Click the Add by Username or Email Address button to add a user from outside your organization

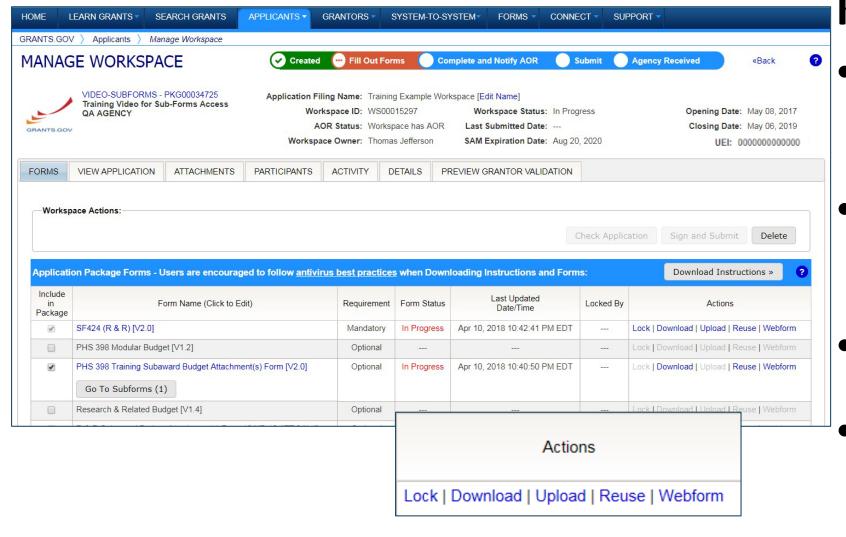
Removing Participants:

Click the **Remove** link on the Participant record in the workspace

Reassigning Ownership:

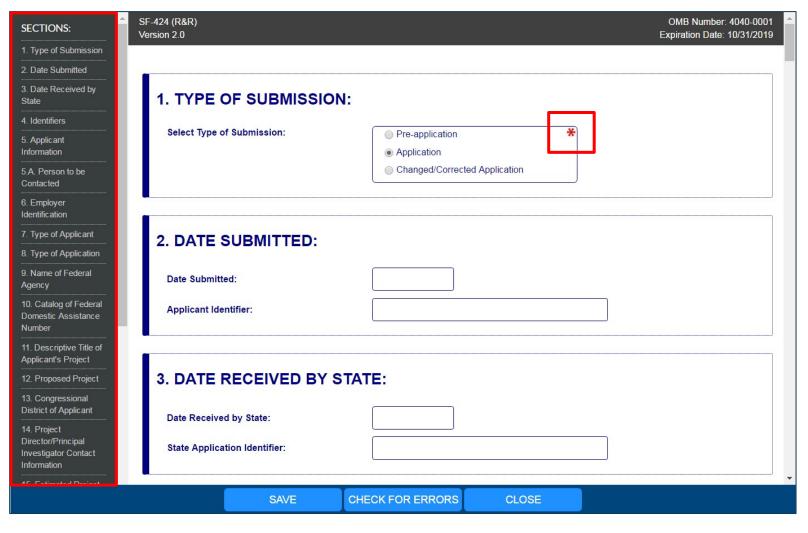
Click the **Make Owner** link in the Actions column

Completing Workspace Forms



Key Actions:

- Fill out webforms (if available)
- Download and Upload PDF forms
- Lock/Unlock forms
- Reuse forms from other workspace

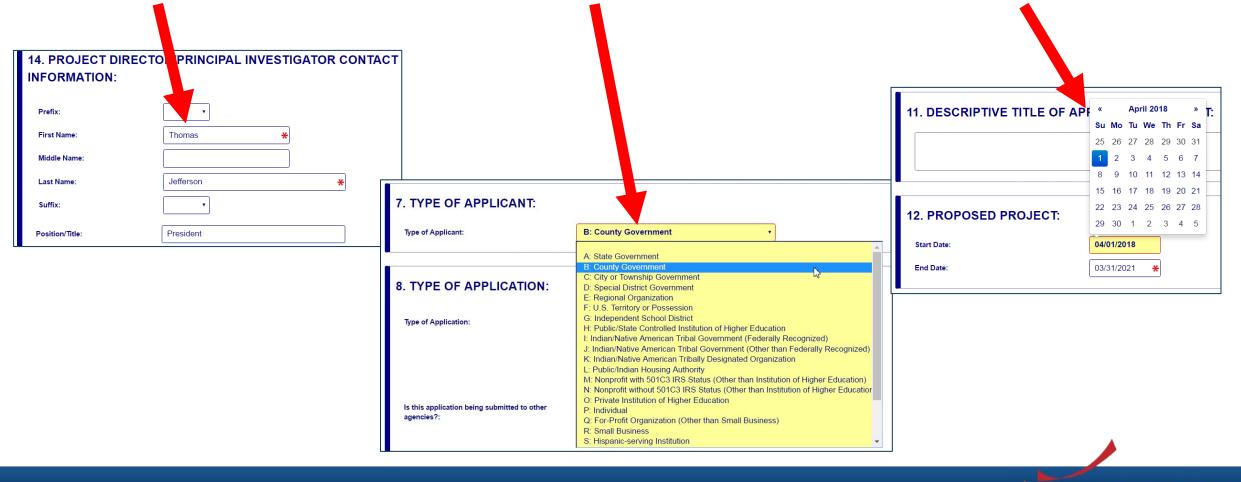


Webform Basics:

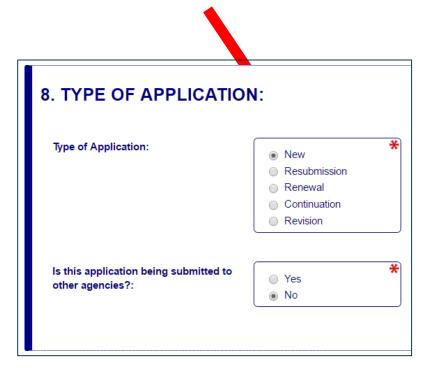
- Complete online forms in web browser
- Navigate by clicking sections
- Tab through form fields
- Required fields have red asterisk

Open text entry

- Drop-down menu
 Dates/calendar



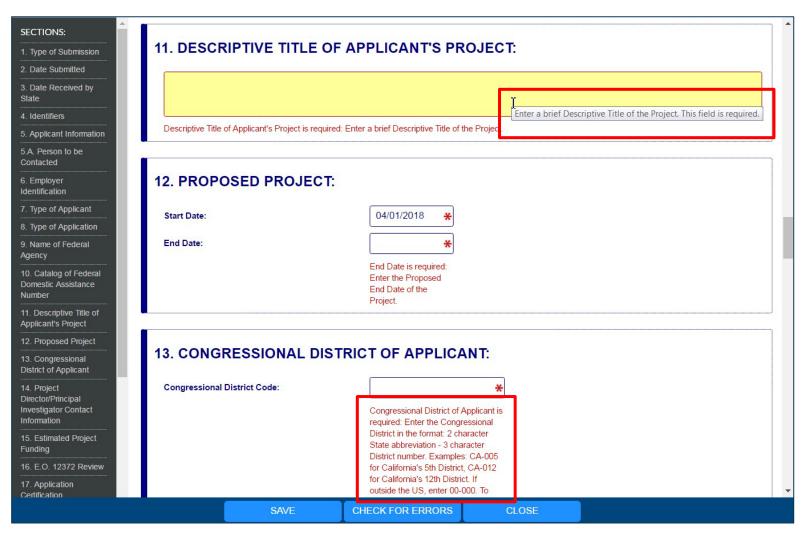
Radio buttons (multiple choice)



Attach files within online form

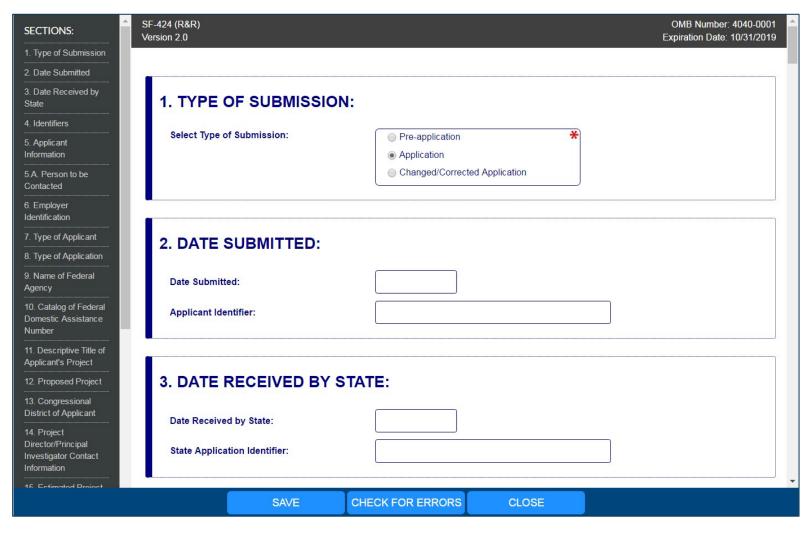






More Features:

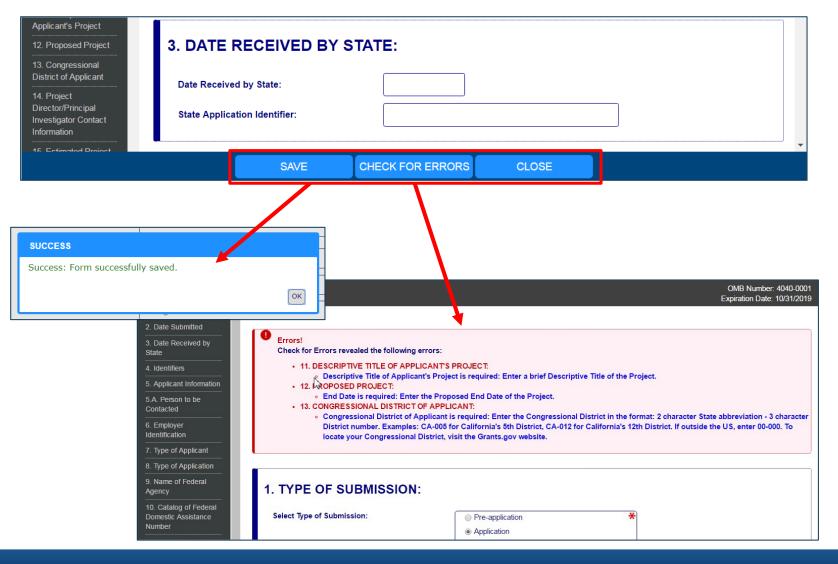
- Hover mouse over form fields for help
- Error messages
 explain how to fill
 out form fields



More Features:

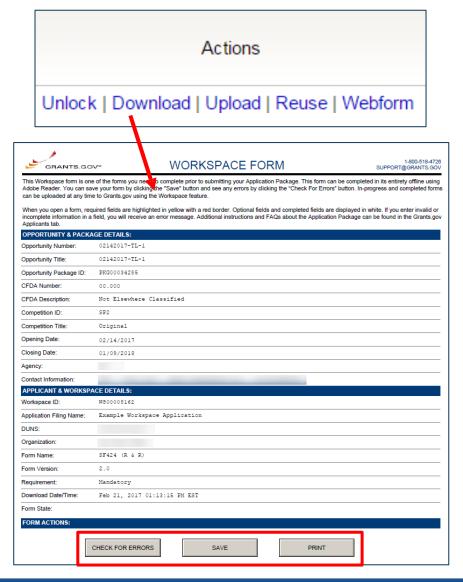
- Autosave occurs every 5 minutes
- Complete SF-424
 first to pre-populate
 form fields and save
 time





- Save: Stores your form data & attachments to Workspace
- Check for Errors:
 Form validation &
 field-level errors
- Close: Exits the online form

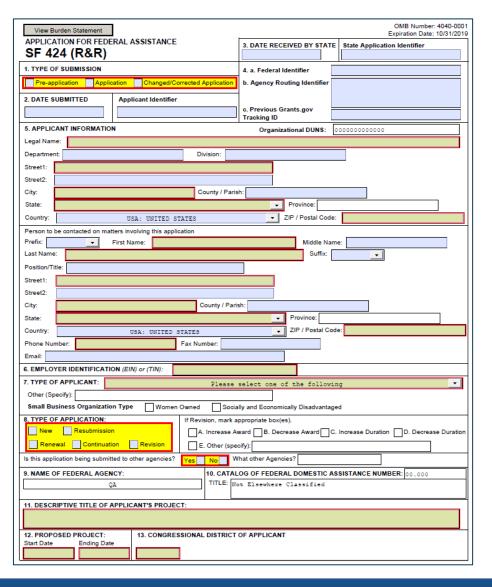
Completing PDF Forms



PDF Form Basics:

- Option to download PDF forms to complete in Adobe software
- Upload PDF forms to workspace
- Upon uploading, data shared between online and PDF versions of forms

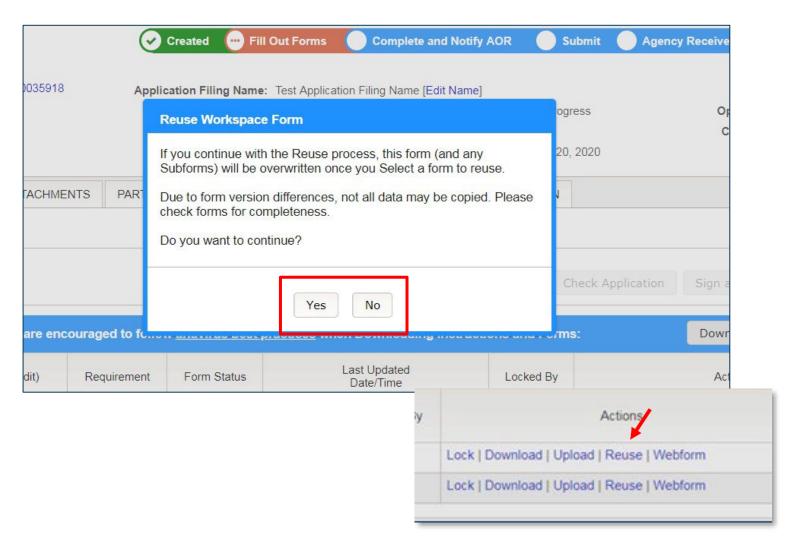
Completing PDF Forms



PDF Form Basics:

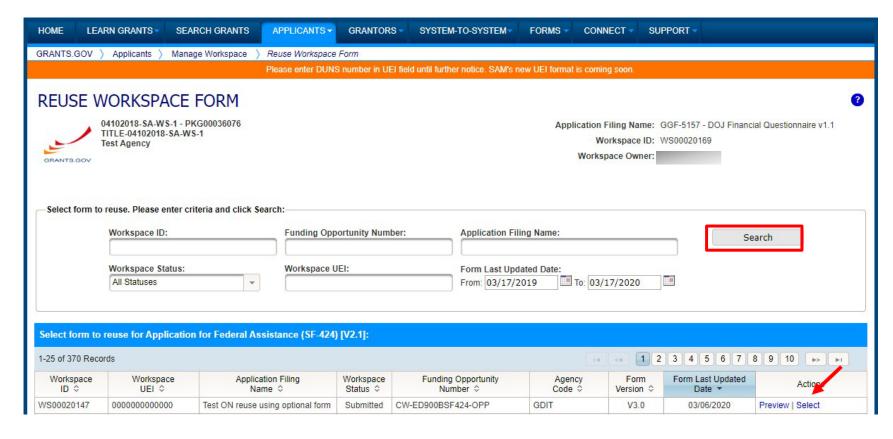
- Tab through form fields
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Reusing Workspace Forms



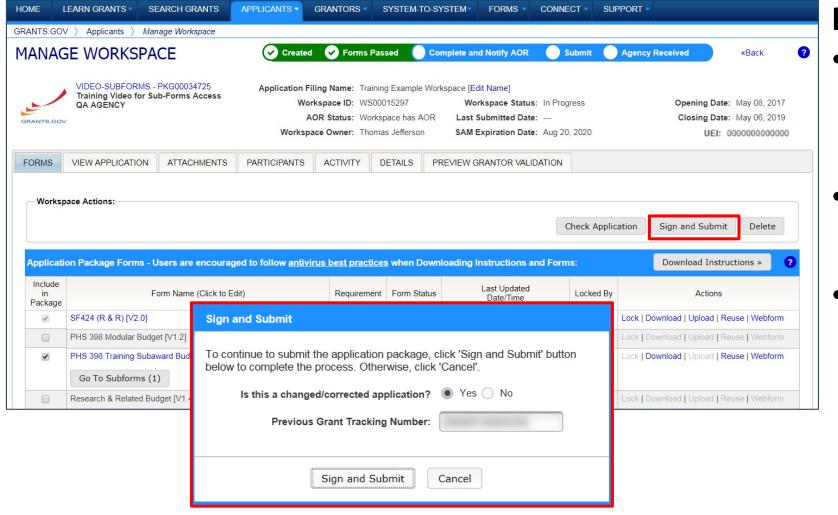
- Click Reuse link to import a form from another workspace
- Reusing an old form will overwrite all current form data

Reusing Workspace Forms



- Search through past workspace forms with the same form title
- Click Select to import that form into workspace

Workspace: Submit Application



Process:

- Workspace Manager notifies users with AOR role
- User with AOR role submits
- Workspace Manager or AOR may choose to Reopen Workspace

Tracking Your Application Submission

After Submitting Your Application

- Make sure you receive an on-screen confirmation receipt
- Document your Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXXX)
- The date/time stamp is the official time of submission
- Applicant AOR will also receive items above via email confirmations

Submission Confirmation Messages

Grants.gov Submission Receipt Email

- Your application has been received by Grants.gov
- Grants.gov E-mail Verifying Receipt (with Track My Application URL)

Grants.gov Submission Validation or Rejection Email

- Grants.gov E-mail Verifying Successful Submission
- OR Rejection Due to Errors with a description of issue

Transmission to Agency

The Agency has received the Agency Retrieval Email from Grants.gov

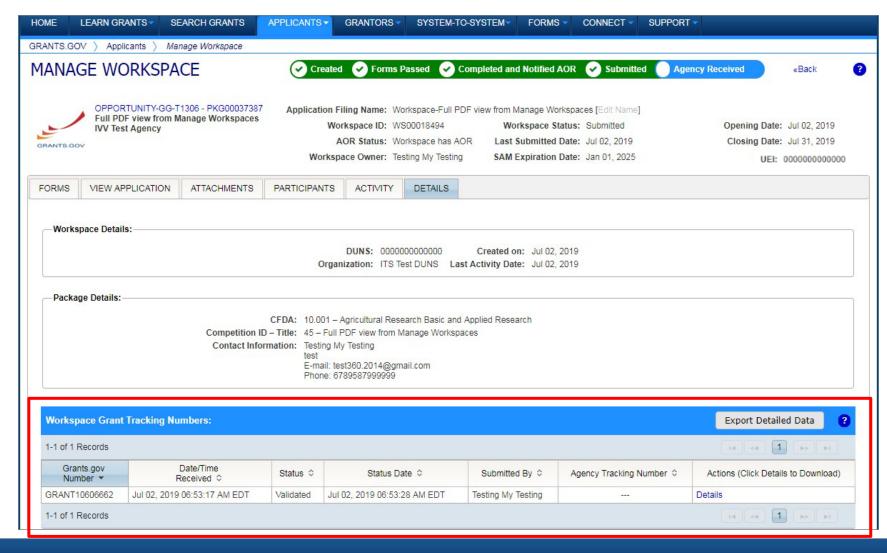
Agency Emails

 The Agency may also send you an agency tracking number, notes, or other confirmation emails



Tracking Your Application

Details Tab of Submitted Workspace



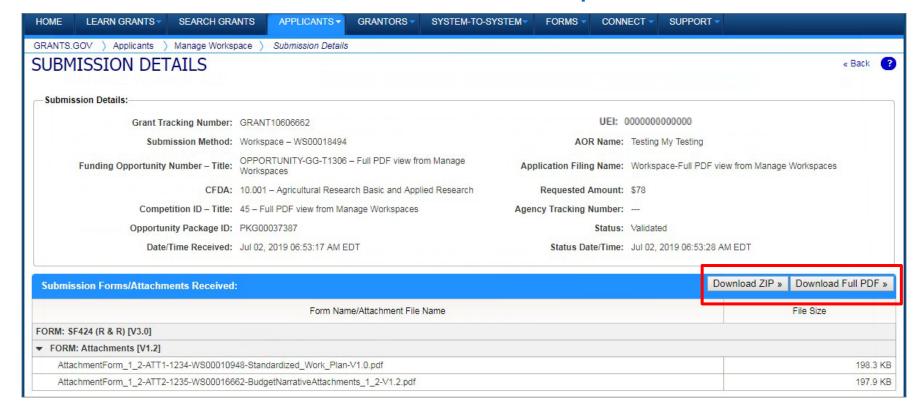
Track your application status and information by accessing the **Details tab** of the submitted Workspace

Click on the **Details** link to view the Submission Details



Tracking Your Application

Submission Details of Submitted Workspace

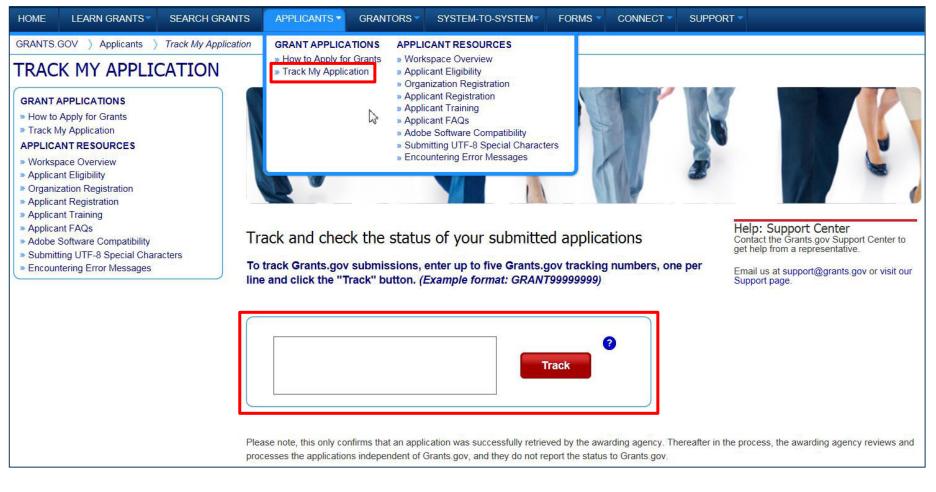


Download ZIPprovides a zip file of the submission

Download Full PDF provides a single PDF file of the submission

Tracking Your Application

Track My Application Page



May also track application status by entering Grant Tracking Number.

Status information:

- Received
- Validated
- Rejected with Errors
- Retrieved by Agency
- Agency Tracking
 Number Assigned

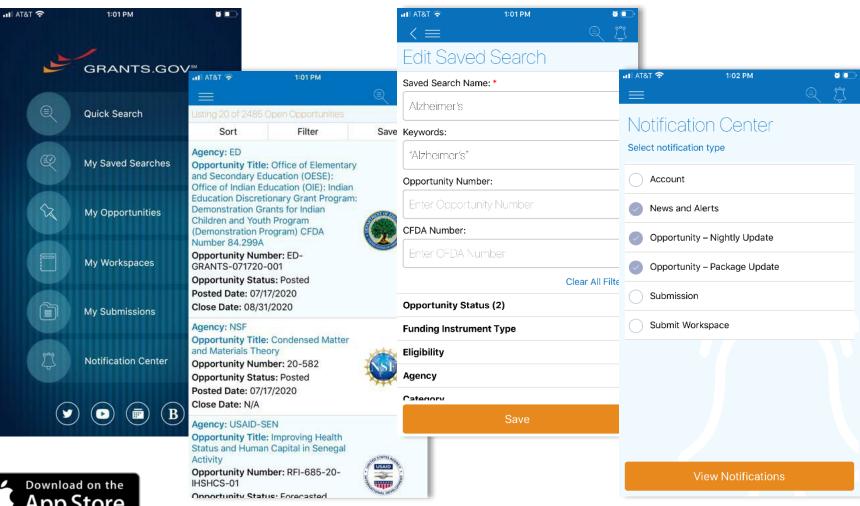


Grants.gov Mobile App

Download the Mobile App

Key Actions

- Search for grants on the go
- Add and edit Saved Search queries
- Receive Notifications about new opportunities and submitted applications
- Submit completed applications within the app
- Available on Google Play and Apple's App Store











Tips for Applicants

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Crafting Grant Proposals and Submitting Applications

- Register and submit early
- Thoroughly read and follow all of the instructions provided by the agency
- Fill out SF-424 forms first
- Include sufficient program and budget details
- Recommend completing the optional forms in the application

- Limit application file size / file name characters (50 characters or less)
- Use correct UEI (Unique Entity) Identifier) when creating a workspace
- Make sure you have Grants.gov compatible PDF software (Adobe Reader)

Connect with Grants.gov

Applicant Support Center available 24/7 (closed on Federal holidays)

<u>support@grants.gov</u> | 1-800-518-4726 (toll-free) | 1-606-545-5035 (international)



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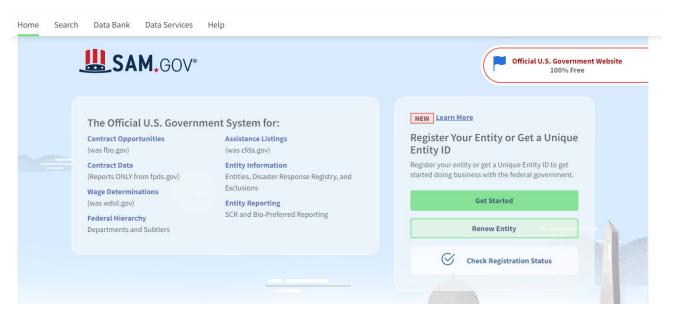






SAM Registration

- Required per Title 2 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 25
- Visit https://sam.gov/ to register
- Complete a full SAM Registration
 - Including Representations and Certifications



SAM Registration

- SAM is a General Services Administration (GSA) site
- Help link bottom of each page
- Search FAQs Find Guides
- Use Live Chat or call for assistance



Questions





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